

and relations are all stored away in their "Studebakers," over the top of which, on hoops, they stretch a canvas to protect themselves against the heat.

In coming to the Congress they generally travel in company, there being at times from thirty to fifty wagons and a large escort of horsemen. In the evening they always try to camp near some running brook or at least near some pond where they may find water for their horses. For themselves they always have a little keg of water in the wagon.

It is a common sight then to see the head of the family jump from the wagon, sit down on his crossed legs, pull his Duke's Mixture from his pocket and coolly roll his cigarette while his dusky consort proceeds to unhitch and picket out the ponies, chop the wood, get supper, pitch the tent, etc. He sees nothing wrong in this. In days of yore that was her work, and so it is now. His work is to hunt and fish, and go to war, laborious enough when performed, but now unfortunately for him rendered impossible by circumstances.

If possible, they camp in a circle. Before supper they gather in a large ring and say grace. After supper they again gather and encourage one another, after which they pray and sing, and soon one can hear their husky and discordant voices rattling far and wide over the prairies.

Early in the morning, at two or three o'clock, the loud yelling of "Wanna Kikta Po!" repeated explosively; tells the travelers it is time to wake up. And soon after, the same herald, always an old man, calls them to Holy Mass; which is about to be said in the missionary's tent, or out in the open on some old box, or perhaps even an old stove. And there in the dusky and cool morning, the priest offers up the Sacrifice of the Crucified, whilst round him, on the moist grass kneel the devout multitude, not understanding much, perhaps, but still showing the reverence characteristic of the Indian, who always kneels or sits in stolid silence and quiet when in the presence of the Great Spirit. So they travel on day by day, stopping during the day for but a short rest at noon.